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THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

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THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE IT!

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NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS **BATTLEWORLD**!

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A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

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EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

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KNOWHERE.
LISTEN TO THIS ONE! TRUE STORY...
YEARS AGO, A GIANT ALIEN CALLED A CELESTIAL CAME TO OUR WORLD.
LITERALLY TO TAKE IT AS HIS OWN.
EXCEPT THE MIGHTY HAND OF DOOM SAVED US.
DOOM DESTROYED IT.
AND NOW ITS SEVERED HEAD FLOATS IN SPACE ABOVE US...A GLORIOUS REMINDER OF DOOM'S OMNIPOTENT POWER.
A REMINDER OF HOW SAFE WE ARE. HOW LUCKY WE ARE THAT DOOM LOOKS OVER US.
IN SOME PARTS OF OUR WORLD THERE ARE THEORIES ABOUT THIS FLOATING ALIEN HEAD...
...STORIES ABOUT ALIEN CREATURES LIVING INSIDE.
STORIES OF A WHOLE WORLD OF CREATURES...

BUT COME ON...

...THERE'S CRAZY AND THEN THERE IS CRAZY.

IF THERE WERE ALIENS, WE'D TOTALLY KNOW ABOUT THEM...

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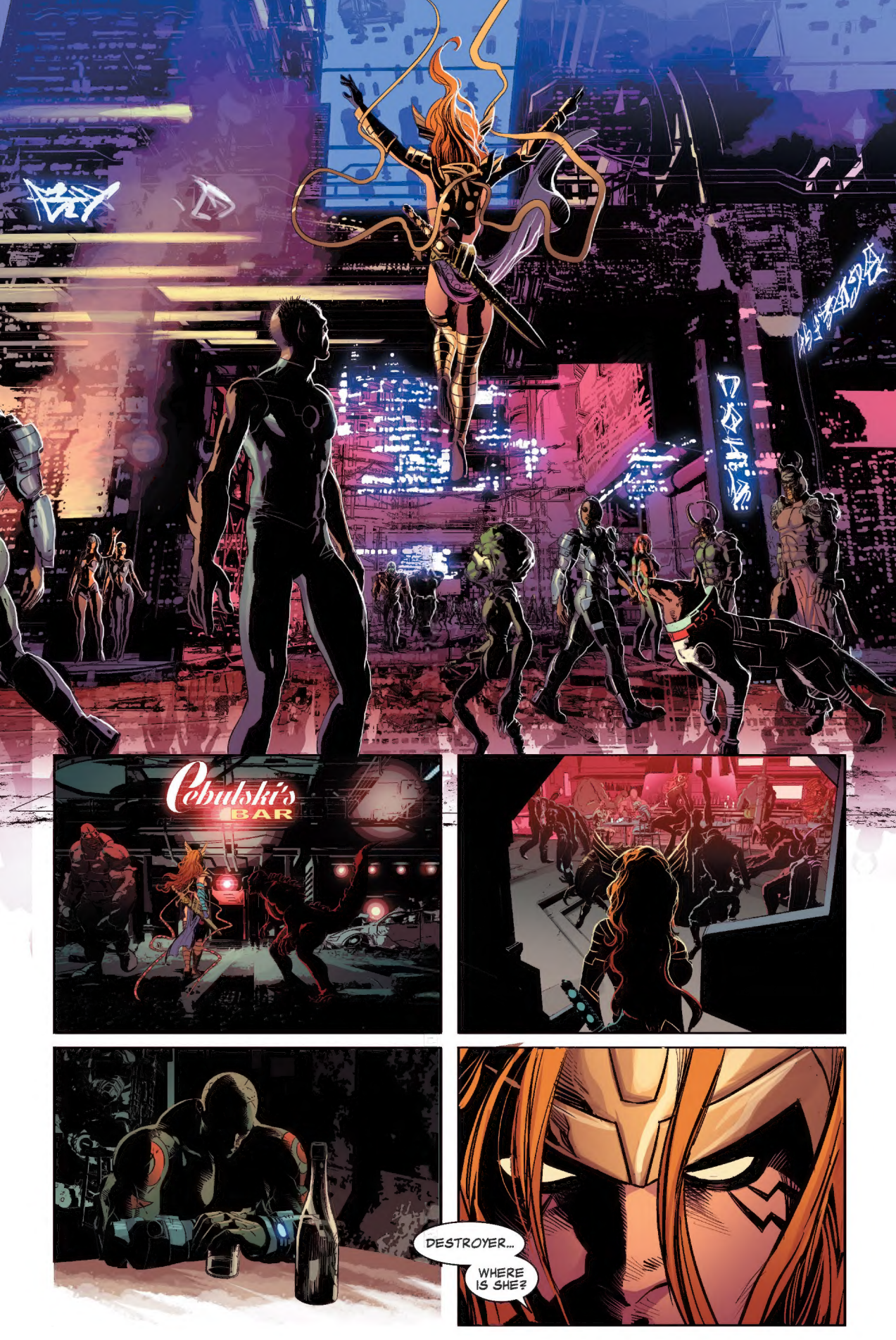

Cebulski's
BAR
DESTROYER...
WHERE IS SHE?

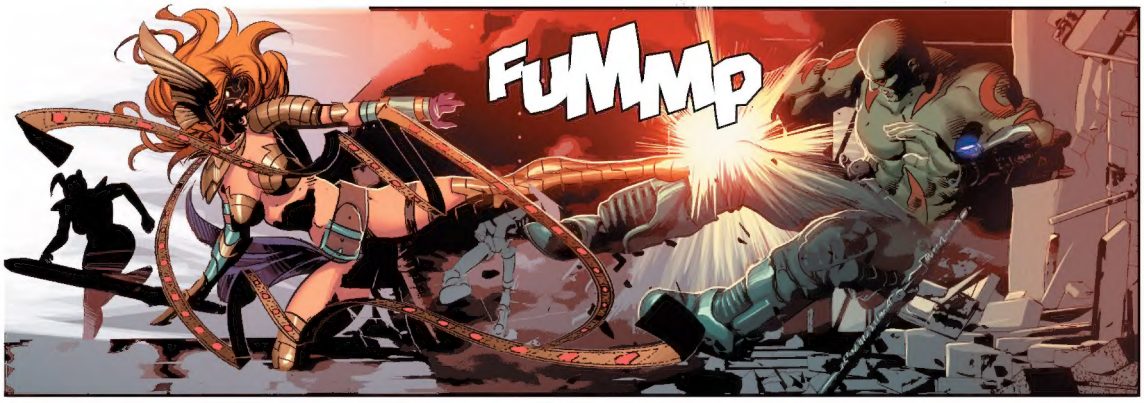
ANGELA.
I KNOW WHO I AM.
WHERE IS SHE?
HAVE A DRINK WITH ME.
I THINK YOU'VE ALREADY HAD MINE.
WHERE IS SHE?
YOU KNOW I'M NOT GOING TO TELL YOU THAT.
YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT?
OR TELL ME YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS?
I WOULD NEVER DISRESPECT YOU LIKE THAT.
LAST CHANCE, DESTROYER.
LAST CHANCE.

CRASH
Cebulski's
BAR

HA!
WHERE IS SHE?!

SMACCK

AAGGH!!


FUMMP

HA!
SMASH
CHUCK
CHUCK
CHUCK

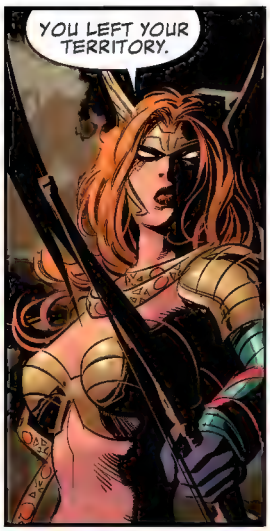
GGKKSS!!

SLICE
SLICE
AGH!!

STOP.

ANGELA DOOMSDOTTIR, STEP AWAY FROM THE DESTROYER.
GAMORA.
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ME?
HERE I AM.

YOU ARE TO COME WITH ME, LADY GAMORA.
I DON'T THINK I WILL.
MY ORDER IS DEAD OR ALIVE.
I'D RATHER NOT DO EITHER OF THOSE.


YOU LEFT YOUR TERRITORY.

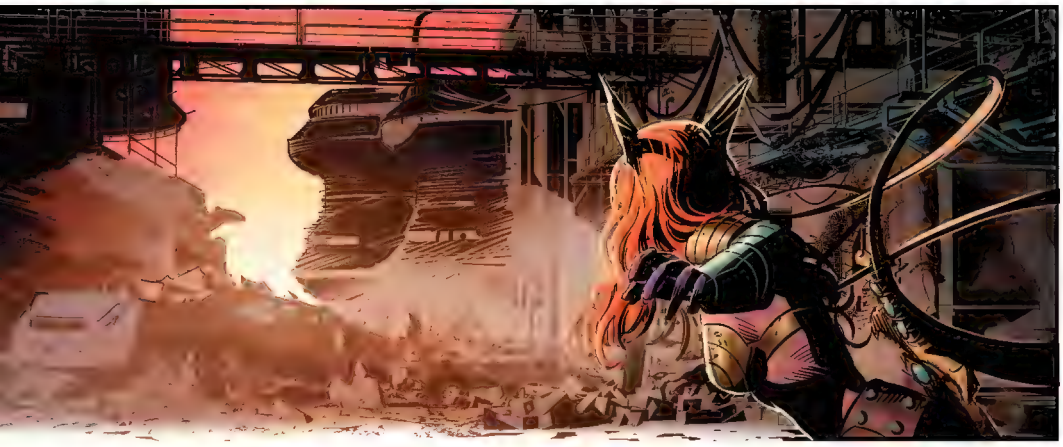
I LEFT *YOUR* TERRITORY.

IT IS FORBIDDEN.

CLEARLY.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I AM?

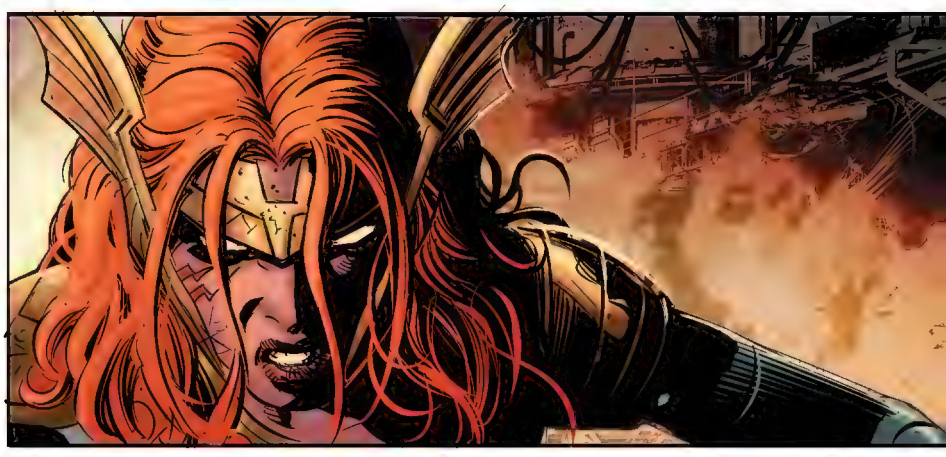
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

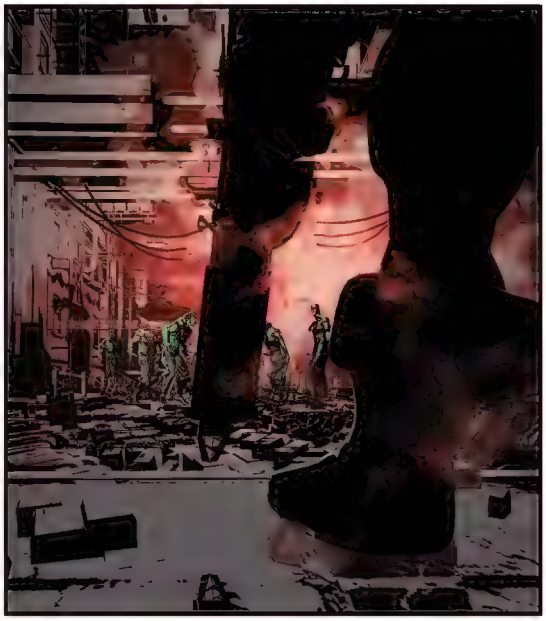
BOOM
CRASH
TIME TO GO, EVERYBODY.
I HAD THIS UNDER CONTROL, ROCKET.
SURE YOU DID.
DRAX, YOU COMING OR YOU GONNA TRY TO DRINK YOURSELF TO DEATH AGAIN?
RRRR!!

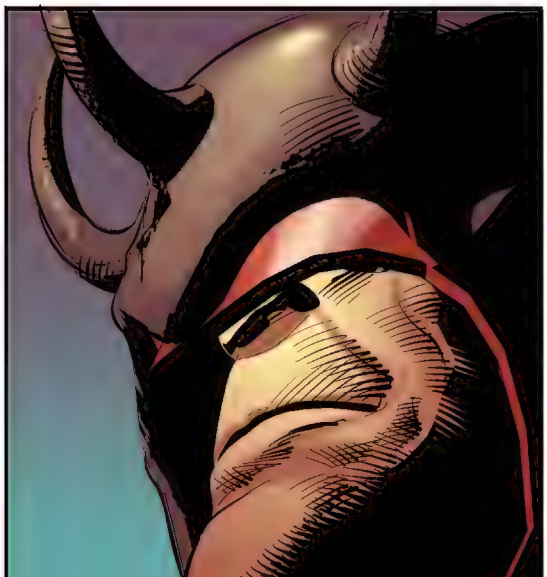


WHERE DID THEY GO?!

WHICH WAY DID THEY GO?!







"WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US, ROCKET?"
"YOU'RE WELCOME FOR SAVING YOUR LIFE, DRAX. AGAIN."
"WHERE, ROCKET?"

ROCKET?
NO NAMES.
WE'RE ALMOST THERE.
I KNOW THIS PLACE. HOW DO I KNOW THIS?
STOP TALKING, DRAX.
YOU SEEM SMARTER WHEN YOU DON'T TALK.
I MEANT, NOT MY NAME.
YOU JUST SAID NO NAMES.
WILL SHE HELP US?
ASK HER.
HEY MANTIS...
THE GUARDIANS...
ARE YOU BEING FOLLOWED?
WE NEED TO NOT BE OUT HERE.
COME WITH ME.

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING, LADY?
I BELIEVE I DO!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO YELL.
YOU DON'T LEAVE KNOWHERE.
THAT'S THE ONE UNBREAKABLE RULE AND YOU KEEP BREAKING IT.
I KNOW.

YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOURSELF KILLED, WHICH NORMALLY WOULD TOTALLY BE YOUR CALL, BUT WE NEED YOU UP HERE.

WHAT DREW YOU AWAY FROM HERE?

UUUGGHH!
THIS "LADY-OF-MYSTERY" BIT IS REALLY UNCOOL WHEN WE HAVE TO SAVE YOUR LIFE FROM A THORSGUARD.
MANTIS, WHAT IS SHE THINKING?
I CAN'T READ MINDS.

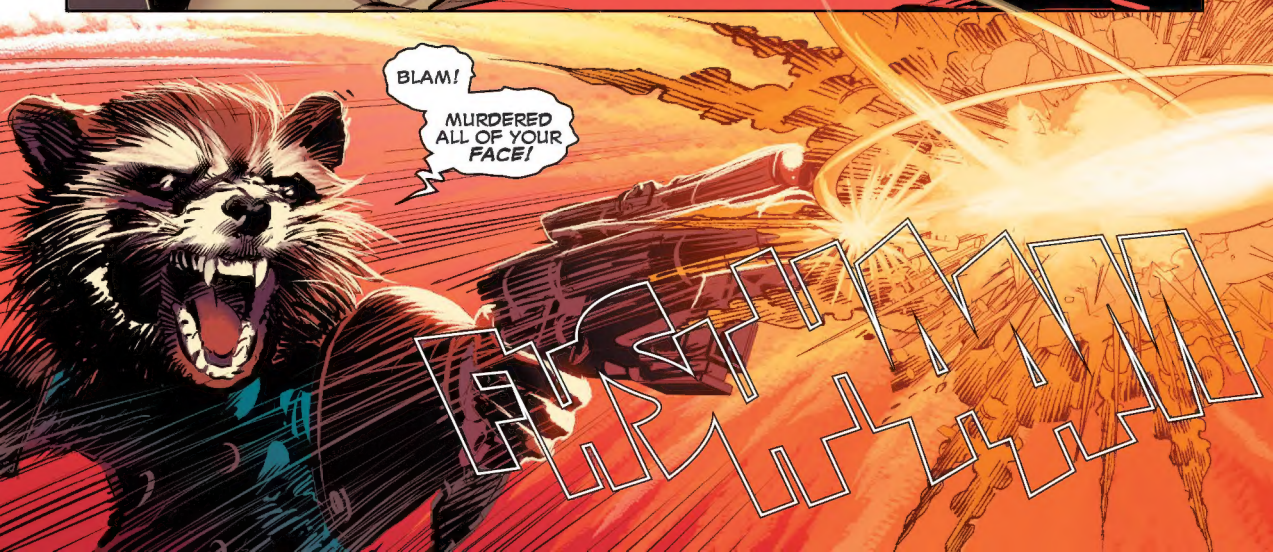
BUT YOU DO THINGS MENTALLY WITH PLANTS.
SO?
YEAH?
SO?
SHE'S GREEN.
CAN'T YOU JUST POKE HER BRAIN A LITTLE?

I THINK SOMEONE POKED YOUR BRAIN ONE TIME TOO MANY.
I WISH I WOULDN'T CARE ABOUT ALL OF YOU SO MUCH.
LEAVE GAMORA BE.
NO.
IF SHE WANTS TO TELL US, SHE'LL TELL US.
NO.
THAT'S NOT HOW THIS WORKS.
WE MADE A DEAL. WE MADE A COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER.
WE MADE A COMMITMENT TO KNOWHERE.
AS A GROUP, WE DECIDED THESE PEOPLE NEED OUR HELP AND WE ARE GOING TO HELP THEM!
AND SOMEBODY IS NOT LIVING UP TO THEIR PART OF THE BARGAIN.
AND YOU ARE GOING TO INCUR THE WRATH OF DOOM AND THEN THERE IS GOING TO BE NO "US."
YOUR HEAD WILL BE FLOATING IN SPACE RIGHT NEXT TO THE ONE WE'RE LIVING IN.
I DON'T THINK THERE IS A "DOOM."
I THINK IT'S A MADE-UP STORY TO KEEP US HERE.
TO KEEP US OPPRESSED.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

NEVER MIND.
NO. I COMPLETELY WILL MIND.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT, LADY?!
I SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY THAN YOU.
YES, YOU HAVE FANCY COSMIC POWERS.
SO TELL US WHAT YOU SEE THAT'S DIFFERENT.
HOW CAN YOU SAY THERE AIN'T NO DOOM WHEN WE LIVE IN THE HEAD OF THE THING HE CHOPPED OFF TO SAVE THE WHOLE ENTIRE KRUTAKIN' PLANET?
THANOS.
WHAT?
WHAT IS A THANOS?

DESTROYER...

DESTROYER, GET UP.


BLAM!
MURDERED ALL OF YOUR FACE!
BLAM!

AGH!
DID ANY OF YOU SEE THAT?
THAT WAS MAYBE MY GREATEST MOMENT EVER!
OR NOT...
DESTROYER, YOU KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN.
I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD HAPPEN.
I TOLD YOU IF YOU CROSSED ME AGAIN I WOULD DRAG YOU OUT INTO THE STREETS OF KNOWHERE AND BEAT YOU TO DEATH IN FRONT OF EVERYONE.
INCLUDING YOUR PIRATE FRIENDS.
WHO ARE YOU?
THIS HAPPENED WHILE YOU WERE GONE.
I--I JUST MET THESE GUYS...

LADY GAMORA, I AM YOTAT!
KNOWHERE IS, FOR ALL PURPOSES, NOW *MINE*.
AND I THINK WHEN I AM DONE HERE, THEY WILL CALL ME YOTAT THE DESTROYER.
DESTROYER OF THE DESTROYER.
YOU KNOW, I JUST THOUGHT OF THAT BUT I REALLY LIKE THE SOUND OF IT.
TO BE CONTINUED...